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REMARKS

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1. During the second half of September 1953, the Bauunion Spree still conducted construction work at Parchim airfield. Gravel and concrete were hauled to the field where several concrete mixing machines were in operation. Taxiways branching off from the runway at a right angle were under construction. Work on the taxiways still continued during the second half of November. Around mid-November, the debris of the former hangars was being blasted. On 17 and 20 November, one biplane landed at the field and two officers descended to inspect the airfield.
2. During the second half of September, the former home for aged people "Neue Heimat" was occupied by air force soldiers who wore an insignia representing two wings with two small wheels underneath. The former air force settlement also housed air force personnel, including female Soviets. The guard personnel at the field included six air force soldiers who belonged to the unit quartered in the air force settlement.
3. On 10 October, a state agency was ordered by the Ministry of the Interior to immediately make available barges for the shipping of 4,000 tons of gravel from the Parey area to Parchim airfield.
4. Prior to 24 October, the airfield was not occupied because of construction work under way. A worker stated that the billets housed a detachment of air force soldiers. Three soldiers wearing air force insignia were observed coming from the field. 1
5. During the second half of October, 4 or 5 concrete mixers were located at the east end of the runway and construction material was hauled to that site. In the southeastern corner of the field there were excavated holes in which about 40 newly tarred containers were installed. A Soviet sentry was posted near the fuel containers. Three small new buildings were observed in the same area. 2 Construction work was under way north of the runway.

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6. [redacted] in early November, the field was occupied by a AA unit [redacted] which formerly had been stationed in Puetnitz.

25X1 [redacted] Colonel Tavnikov (fmu) was the chief of the unit and major Lartenkov (fmu) and Major Vuzek (fmu) were assigned to it. Colonel Abramov (fmu) of Unit [redacted] from Potsdam and Colonel Tavnikov conferred with the competent construction bureau about scheduled construction work [redacted]. A sum of 96,000 eastmarks was allotted for the construction work at the field which was performed by the Bauunion Spree. Allegedly, a Soviet Air Force unit would arrive at the field in early March 1954. 1

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1. [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates that construction work at Parchim airfield has not been completed. Small air force detachments apparently prepare the occupation of the field by an air unit. It is believed that the former Soviet training regiment for VPL pilots, which transferred from Welzow to Puetnitz in late August 1953 after completion of its mission, will return to its former post at Parchim.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. According to previous information, in addition to the old fuel dump with a capacity of 400 cubic meters, 20 containers each with 23 cubic meters were to be installed. Thus, the capacity of the fuel dump would be increased to a total of 860 cubic meters.

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] officers of the AA unit are reported for the first time. A shipment of AA guns, trucks and personnel from Puetnitz toward Rostock was reported in early October 1953. [redacted] It is possible that the shipment went to Parchim. Colonel Abramov was reported in 1951 as being assigned to the "division headquarters" of the air force construction staff in Werder.

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